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SUBJECT: UNHCR-PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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1. UNHCR PROPOSAL FOR JANUARY 30 KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES (DESCRIBED REFTEL) STRIKES DEPT AS USEFUL STEP. COORDINATION OF THE VARIOUS NATIONAL PROGRAMS

IS ESSENTIAL IF THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT OFFERS ARE TO GET MAXIMUM UTILIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IS TO BE KEPT AT AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL. THE UNHCR IS THE OBVIOUS VEHICLE FOR SUCH COORDINATION. DEPT ALSO ASSUMES THAT, IN ADDITION TO COORDINATION OF EXISTING INDOCHINA REFUGEE ACCEPTANCE PROGRAMS, A PRINCIPAL THEME OF THE MEETINGS WILL BE TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OFFERS FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA AS WELL AS OFFERS FOR INDOCHINESE IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF TEMPORARY SAFEHAVEN IN THE REGION. AS NOTED REFTEL, DEPT WILL WANT TO REPORT ANY FAVORABLE RESULTS TO THE CONGRESS.

- 2. FOR GENEVA: WE HOPE THIS MEETING IS RECEIVING STRONG SUPPORT AT UNHER HEADQUARTERS. TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFECT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL OFFERS OF PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT, MISSION SHOULD URGE UNHER TO SEND HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEETING. WE NOTE UNHER PLANNING SEND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS SINGAPORE TEMPORARY ASYLUM CENTER WITH GOS AND THIS VISIT COULD BE TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE.
- 3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: INFORM DEPT AND OTHER ADDRESSEES THIS CABLE OF COUNTRIES WHO WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING.
- 4. FOR KUALA LUMPUR, GENEVA AND BANGKOK: INDICATE IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE ARE WAYS IN WHICH THE U.S. CAN ASSIST SUCCESS OF MEETING. FOR EXAMPLE DEPT PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE FOLLOW-UP APPROACHES TO INVITEE COUNTRIES IF EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR OR US MISSION DEEM USEFUL. DEPT BELIEVES THAT IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR REPRESENTATION AT MEETING IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR BANGKOK REFUGEE COORDINATOR BARNES TO ALSO ATTEND THE MEETING. BANGKOK: NOTIFY DEPT IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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